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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

RIKIO SHIBA ET AL.

Application No.: 09/975,968

Filed: October 15, 2001

For: COLLECTING METHOD BY
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AND ORDERING METHOD OR
SALE METHOD

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Group Art Unit: 2852

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

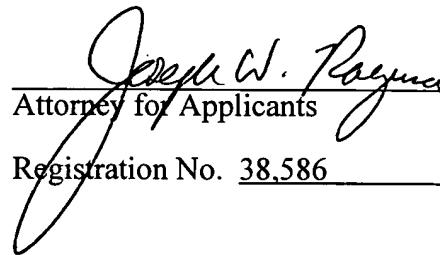
The cited references were called to Applicants' attention in a European Search Report dated October 14, 2002 and an International Search Report dated April 24, 2001. Copies of the Search Reports are also enclosed.

This application has not received a first Office Action on its merits. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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